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With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

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A copy of any foreign patent document or "Other Document" listed on the Form 1449 is enclosed, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). Because this application was filed after June

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Applicant hereby brings attention to the Examiner that the following references were cited in an International Search Report dated September 27, 2004: DE19823156; US6121739; EP0294858; US5664937; and XP000195258. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed. Since the International Search Report is in English, no English translation of the listed foreign references is required, pursuant to MPEP §609(A)3.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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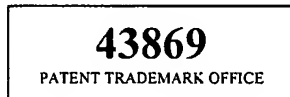
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